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Please amend the subject application as set forth below.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 51 through 53 inclusive, 56, 57, 59, 62, 63, 67, and 71 through 75 inclusive without prejudice.

Add the following new claims 97 through 116 inclusive.

97. (New) A reagent kit for detecting the presence or absence of one or more specific nucleotides at a predetermined target position in a target nucleic-acid polymer, comprising:

- (a) a detection primer comprising a detection-primer nucleotide sequence having a primer-extension-initiation 3'-end nucleotide which constitutes a 3' terminal end of the detection primer, the detection-primer nucleotide sequence being complementary to a primer-hybridizing nucleotide sequence of the target nucleic-acid polymer with a nucleotide in the target nucleic-acid polymer complementary to the primer-extension-initiation 3'-end nucleotide of the detection-primer nucleotide sequence defining a primer-end complement nucleotide, the primer-hybridizing nucleotide sequence of the target nucleic-acid polymer extending towards the 3' end of the target polymer from the primer-end complement nucleotide, the primer-end complement nucleotide being located in the target polymer at a position 3'-ward of the predetermined target position, the position of the primer-end complement nucleotide being subject to a constraint that no nucleotide of the same type as the one or more specific nucleotides to be detected